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Torrance, California  
March 19, 1952

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

In the absence of Mayor Haggard, Councilman Spelman moved that Councilman Blount preside over the meeting as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Spelman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Karlow and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

This being an adjourned meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Blount advised the regular order of business would be dispensed with and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND O'MELVENY & MYERS.

City Attorney Hall explained that this employment agreement was in connection with the issuance and sale of water bonds. Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Karlow and Haggard. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2253. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 589

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR WATER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING BONDS.

City Attorney Hall explained that this ordinance consolidates all of the water districts into a single system and provides the details of running the department, and sets up the accounts and manner in which the bonds are to be retired; that, generally, it covers all of the problems discussed at the Water Board meetings as to subdivisions and main line extensions. Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Karlow and Haggard. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 589 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 590

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Karlow and Haggard. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 590 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens presented, and Clerk Bartlett read, a letter from the Limited Partnership of John Miller, Richard Miller and H. B. Bolas accepting the City's offer of \$15,000 for a parcel of land at Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard for the proposed new fire station, the acceptance, however, carrying with it certain conditions. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Billotti, Chairman of the North Torrance Branch of the Torrance Unified Taxpayers read a letter to the Council wherein it was stated that the Recreation Commission had been unable to reach a decision on the group's request for use of the building at McMaster Park for a Town Forum meeting on March 25th, at which all candidates in the coming election would be invited, and which would be open to the public. The letter requested that the Council act on the request.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Upon inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Blount and Mr. Billotti's assurance that any person present, if in order, would be allowed to speak -- that the meeting would be conducted as a Town Forum Meeting -- that no one would be suppressed if he was orderly and asked for the "floor by properly recognizing the chair" -- Mayor Pro Tem Blount seconded Councilman Drale's motion. Carried.

Mr. Bolas inquired as to when the next regular meeting of the Council would be as their acceptance of the City's offer contained a 10-day time limit. He was advised the Council would meet next Tuesday, March 25th.

Councilman Drale inquired if anything could be done about the "bad job on Crenshaw Boulevard" and City Manager Stevens replied that the materials had been analyzed and found to be as required and that he did not believe the contractor could be held responsible; that when the sub-grade dries out, the City will have to put a cover over the present base; and that possibly the solution would be to restrict truck traffic on Crenshaw, between Redondo Beach Blvd. and 190th St. The matter was referred to the Traffic Commission for study.

Councilman Drale advised the residents on 174th St. and vicinity have requested a crosswalk, caution signs and school signs, and moved the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount moved that a resolution be sent to the Governor of the State requesting his assistance in getting traffic control signals of some sort at 101 Highway and Roberts Road, and the deplorable condition of 174th Street, as the City was unable to get any satisfaction from the State Highway Commission. Councilman Spelman asked that, in addition to Roberts Road, the two intersections leading into Hollywood Riviera be included. Motion so amended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

At 8:25 p.m., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Drale, meeting adjourned.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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